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REIGN OF TERROR. PIRATE MINES BLOW UP CONVOYS. "INTENSIVE BROADSIDES."

Adventures of United Bandit "Tong's" Fleet.

Piracy terrors in the West River delta have taken a new form
in the persistent use of mines to blow up convoys, the systematic
shelling of merchant craft, and the unification of several outlaw bands
for purposes of plunder.

CHAPTER OF ATTACKS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Dec. 18.

Mines are now regularly used
by pirates in this part of the delta
to attack merchant vessels. The
usual modus operandi is to blow
up either the launch which acts as
tow to a passenger (and cargo)
boat, or the conveying, speedy
junk armed with heavy, if
obsolete, native guns to repel
attack.

All the latest piracies have
occurred near the Kamchuk light-
house, a prominent landmark of
the locality.

In every instance the pirates
used fast launches armed with
quick-firers, machine-guns, a
conventional type of Lewis gun,
improvised shrapnel and occasional
field pieces converted into "naval"
artillery.

As recently reported the bandit
chiefs in the delta (at Taumoon,
Guamoon, and Sheung Shui Hau)
have combined and formed a
"Tong." Outlaws in the Sanwei
and Shantak districts are follow-
ing suit and the inaugural, with
due pomp, of the "Kwangtung
Tong" has been announced. Such
names as Chan Yoo, Woo Kai and
Un Kung are associated with the
new, rival movement. To peace-
ful villagers the mention of their
name is akin to the whisper of
"Boney is coming" in the south
coast of England during the
Napoleonic period.

Not so long ago a "battle" be-
tween Government vessels and the
pirate fleet was described as a new
edition of "The Pirates of Pen-
zance." To-day it is the real
article with manoeuvres in the
narrow and sharp-bending waters.
Six launches make up the new
Tong's fleet, all ominously painted
black, not for the "skull and cross-
bones" touch, but for camouflage
purposes.

One such was captured, after a
duel, by the gunboat "Kung Hon"
which led a raid into pirate ter-
ritory at Hoi Chow. Three pirates
were brought back in triumph and
made examples of, but the re-
mainder of the fleet is still waging
war.

Three well-known tow-boats
were pirated on the same day,
December 8, all Kongmoon vessels,
plying to Fatsan, Shuihing and
Shekhi, respectively.

All the cargoes were taken away
and a large number of passengers
carried into captivity for ransom.

This morning the Kongmoon-
Canton towboat "Lee Yuen" was
overcome after a running fight in
which four Chinese guards were
killed. Further details are
awaited.

Another episode concerned the
cross-river railway launch from
Kungyick to Suncheong, an attack
being successfully engineered in
the full view of these two town-
ships.

About ten pirates boarded the
launch as passengers. The crew
were forced to steer towards Ngau

CONTRACT, BROKEN.

BANDMASTER TO SIGN BOND.

With two months more of his
contract to serve, the Chinese
bandmaster of Po Hing theatre,
Yamai, was ordered to sign a
bond by Mr. E. W. Hamilton (at
the Kowloon Magistracy) this
morning, for breaking a contract
with his employers.
Mr. E. H. Gifford, the pro-
prio's representative, prosecut-
ed. Defendant pleaded "guilty"
and agreed to sign.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar
on demand (to-day) was 2/4 3/16.

MURDER TRIAL.

ALLEGED STATEMENT BY SON OF PRISONER.

POLICE METHODS QUESTIONED.

A statement alleged to have
been made to the police by the
son of the arrested man was
read out in court to-day in the
Criminal Sessions proceedings
against a wood-cutter charged
with the murder of an Indian
constable.

The son is a schoolboy at the
village of Ping Shek, New Terri-
tories, and, questioned by the
police after the disappearance of
his father and the murder of the
constable he is alleged in this
statement to have said that a man
called at the house two days after
his father had left, telling them
that his father, had shot an In-
dian constable who had arrested
him for cutting wood and was
in hiding in Chinese territory.

He had not seen his father since
the morning of July 8 (the day
when the constable was murder-
ed), further stated the boy,
according to the police note. His
father was a Christian and was
then reading his Bible. He (the
son) understood that he was
going out to cut wood.

Inspector Brewer was cross-
examined by Mr. E. W. Hamilton
(instructed for the defence) as to
this statement at the Sessions
proceedings this morning. It was
in his (Inspector Brewer's)
handwriting and was what the
interpreter told him was the re-
ply of the boy to questions put.
It was not signed by the boy as it
was not considered necessary for
a voluntary statement, stated In-
spector Brewer.

Inspector Brewer would not
agree that the questions he put to
the boy were in a suggestive man-
ner. They were straightforward.
He admitted that the boy had
been taken out of a cell in which
he had been locked all day when
the statement was made.

Questioned with regard to whe-
ther the boy was allowed to com-
municate with anyone whilst he
was in the cell, Inspector
Brewer said that the boy's mother
and the local schoolmaster called
at the station whilst he was in
custody at the station. They
brought food.

Was the boy allowed to talk to
them? asked Mr. Zeily.

Inspector Brewer: No.

Mr. Zeily: You stated
yesterday that they spoke to the
boy.

Inspector Brewer: I made a
mistake.

Re-examined by Mr. T. S.
Whyte Smith (for the Crown),
Inspector Brewer said that the
boy showed no signs of disinclina-
tion to make a statement.

Asked as to the boy's general
demeanour during the time he
was kept in the cell, Inspector
Brewer said that he "seemed very
happy."

His Lordship: You don't
imagine that is any reason for
keeping anyone at a police station,
do you?

The case is proceeding.

A "Serious Thing."

The action of the police in de-
taining at the police station for
eight days the son of a suspected
man who was thought to know
the whereabouts of his father was
called into question at the Crimi-
nal Sessions yesterday.

Inspector Brewer, cross-
examined by Mr. E. W. Hamilton
admitted that the boy was kept
in a cell. This was because there
was no witness room.

The statement the boy eventu-
ally made as to the whereabouts
of the prisoner was a voluntary
one, Inspector Brewer stated, in
the course of further cross-
examination.

Addressing the witness His
Lordship asked, "What right had
you to keep this boy at the Police
Station for 8 days?"

Witness: He was only kept as
a witness; he had his freedom.

His Lordship: Nonsense. Do
you mean to say he could have
left at any time he liked?

Witness replied that he could
have done.

PRICE OF WAR.

FRENCH LOSSES IN MOROCCO.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 23.

In the Chamber of Deputies,
during the debate on the Estima-
tes for the Ministry of War, the
Under-Secretary for War an-
nounced that the French losses in
Morocco since the beginning of
the year have been:—

Killed 2,640
Wounded 7,552
Missing 1,220

Of these the purely French
casualties were:—

Killed 920
Wounded 2,052
Missing 245

[The balance of casualties is
made up of combatants not of
French birth, besides coloured
troops in Morocco.]

RUBBER CONTROL.

A SANER PRESS TONE IN AMERICA.

AN ENQUIRY USELESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, Dec. 23.

Whilst some editorials echo
complaints of America being
victimized over rubber, most
writers take a more philosophical
tone. For example, the "New
York Times" expresses the op-
inion that a Congressional enquiry
would be useless. All that the
United States can do is to turn
to South America or elsewhere
and develop her own sources. It
says: "Britain can hardly be
called on to surrender out of
hand advantages which her far-
sighted statesmen and Empire-
builders have long been preparing
for her." It asks Americans to
imagine their feelings if Britain
were to ask them to reduce the
price of cotton, oil, copper and
wheat which she is compelled to
buy from America.

PAYING THE PENALTY.

London, Dec. 23.

The "Financial News" ridicules
the American accusations of the
British manipulation of prices of
rubber. It recalls that not long
ago, American manufacturers
were buying at less than cost, but
does not recollect any American
protests against this. On the con-
trary, they hoped to purchase
British plantations for a song.
The Stevenson scheme was so
constituted that Americans could
be fitted with their requirements
at reasonable rates, but they re-
fused to recognise its inexorable
functioning and are now paying
the penalty.

PROHIBITION.

"PUTTING TEETH INTO ENFORCEMENT."

TREATY WITH MEXICO.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Anti-Smuggling Treaty
with Mexico was signed here to-
day. It goes further than the
Treaty with Canada and, accord-
ing to American officials, "puts the
teeth into prohibition enforce-
ment."

HOME MAILS.

A mail from Europe via Siberia
arrived this morning by the s.s.
"Yingchow," which also brought
the Shanghai mail.

The s.s. "President Wilson"
arrived with mails from the
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shang-
hai.

The weather forecast until noon
tomorrow is N.E. winds, moderate
to fresh, generally cloudy, some
drizzle or rain.

TIENTSIN FALLS.

MARSHAL PENG'S TROOPS ENTER.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 23.

Marshal Peng Yeh-shiang's troops
claim that they have captured Pien-
tsin, but confirmation is lacking.
It is nevertheless evident that
they have penetrated the defending
front, which is under General Li
Ching-shan, a supporter of Marshal
Chang Tso-lin.

DEFINITE REPORT.

Shanghai, December 23.

General Peng Yeh-shiang's forces
defeated the army of General Li
Ching-shan and entered Tientsin
on the night of the 22nd instant.
The foreign residents in Tientsin
have organised a Volunteers' Corps
for the protection of the foreign
settlement in order to prevent the
intention of the troops of General
Li Ching-shan. "Wah Kin Yat Po."

A DESPERATE RALLY.

Shanghai, December 24.

A wireless message from
Tientsin received yesterday reports
that Li Ching-shan has again re-
treated almost to the city limits,
where he desperately rallied his
forces and subsequently advanced
to Paitung, a distance of about
three miles.

MUKDEN RETREAT.

Tokyo, December 23.

A dispatch to the Foreign Office
from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-
ling is expected completely to de-
feat Chang Tso-lin in a few days.
In this event, the Japanese troops
emphasize turning over the city to
him.

If Chang's retreating soldiers ap-
pear en route to Mukden they will
be disarmed at the entrance to the
six mile zone.

Japanese troops are at present
guarding the western limit, but it
is not expected that the retreating
Chinese will object to disarmament.
The Foreign Office reiterates
that the Japanese will evacuate
Mukden as soon as there is no
danger of further fighting and so
soon as a stable Government is
assured.

The War Office learns from
Mukden that two brigades of Kuo
Sungling's troops attacked Chang
Tso-lin's front-line at daybreak
yesterday, but failed.

A subsequent general attack,
however, forced the Mukden
cavalry to retreat eight miles beyond
Tamingtung, which Kuo's troops
occupied.

CHANG'S PLANS.

Another message from Mukden
states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin,
yesterday morning, assembled his
leading supporters and made a
farewell speech, stating that reports
from the front indicated that the
enemy had just opened a decisive
attack.

He said that if the Mukden forces
were defeated, he would take refuge
elsewhere, and expressed the hope
that Councillor Wang, General
Yang Yeh-tung and Governor Wang
(of Mukden Province) would follow
him; whilst the other civil and
military officials would remain in
Mukden and endeavour to maintain
peace and good order.

MAIN ATTACK FAILS.

Shanghai, December 23.

A Japanese report from Mukden
states that Kuo Sungling's main
attack against Chang Tso-lin was
launched last night and failed, and
Kuo Sungling's forces are retreat-
ing to Hsinminfu.

SET-BACK FOR KUO.

Tokyo, December 24.

It is reported from Mukden that
Marshal Peng's troops have re-
occupied Paikipo. General Kuo
Sungling's forces are retreating
leaving guns and munitions behind.
Consular reports indicate that
General Kuo has received a serious
set-back owing to the wide advance
by Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

JAPANESE REPORT.

Tokyo, December 24.

The Foreign Office has received
a report from Hsinminfu that Kuo
Sungling's troops are affording
Japanese residents full protection
and that the Japanese troops in
the area are maintaining order.

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TURKEY EXPLAINS

MEANING OF NEW SOVIET TREATY

REPLY TO LOCARNO FACT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Constantinople, December 22.
The Government organ "Halkin Miletim", commenting on the Turkey-Soviet Treaty draws attention to the significance of this agreement on the morrow of the League's Mosul decision. It observes, however, that it is not intended as a threat toward any body, but may be considered as a reply to the recent security pact which ensures the Western States freedom of action against Oriental States.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.
Mounted Infantry Company will carry out a Tactical Ride and Reconnaissance on the Frontier on Sunday, 27th January, 1926.

A full attendance is expected. Dress: Field Service uniform with rifles.

Assembly: Jockey Club Stables at Kwant 12 noon.

Members to catch the 10.30 a.m. train from Kowloon, arriving at Fanling 11.18 a.m. where they will transfer to the Branch Line train leaving at 11.30 a.m.

Ponies: Strict instructions have been issued to the grooms in charge of the Mounted Infantry ponies that ponies are not to be ridden by anyone other than the owner of the pony, unless a written order is handed to the head-groom signed by the owner of the pony giving permission. Members must adhere to this rule.

On Field Days or Parades which are ordered by O.C. Mounted Infantry Company, ponies will, of course, be allotted to members without ponies, shall owners not be attending same.

RESERVE COMPANY.
The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Reserve Company at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th December.

The following is extracted from the Hongkong Government Gazette, dated 13th December, 1925.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain H. B. L. Dowling, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps to act as his Honorary Aide-de-Camp, with effect from the 11th December, 1925."

STRENGTH.
The following are taken on the strength, as from December 21, 1925 and posted as under:—

No. 1009 Private B.A. de Paze, Mounted Infantry Company.
No. 1010 Private B.H. Church, Armoured Car Company.

REVERSIONS.
The following Acting Ranks revert to their substantive ranks, as from December 21, 1925:—

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.
No. 458 A/C.S.M. Charles, R.H.G. reverts to the rank of Sergeant.

No. 420 A/Sergt. Sewell, G.W. reverts to the rank of Corporal.
No. 548 A/Sergt. Forsyth, A. reverts to the rank of L/Cpl.

No. 840 Corp. Bridger, J. P. Armoured Car Company is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from December 31, 1925.

PROMOTIONS, ETC.
The following promotions and appointments will take effect from December 21, 1925.

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.
No. 548 L/Cpl. Forsyth, A. to be Corporal.

No. 494 A/L/Cpl. Kearne, L.H. to be Lance Corporal.
No. 574 A/L/Cpl. Pinguet, E.L. to be Lance Corporal.

TRANSFER.
No. 826 Pte. Gibson, G.H. M.I. Company is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Company, as from December 21, 1925.

LEAVE.
No. 889 C.S.M. H. C. MacNamara, and No. 883 Sergt. M. M. Watson, M. I. Company, rejoined from leave on December 21, 1925.

No. 828 Pte. Gibson, G.H. Reserve Coy. is granted leave from December 21, 1925 to June 20, 1926.

RESIGNATION.
No. 4 Sergt. Wells, F. A. Reserve Company is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from December 31, 1925.

Lt. D. J. J. Captain, Adjutant, H.V.D. Corps.
The Commandant wishes all members of the Corps a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHINA WARLORDS.

WHO'S WHO IN PRESENT STRUGGLE

HELP TO READ CABLES.

Without attempting to propound the course of events with any assertion of finality, the following statement of the new alignment of forces in China is made to assist the reader to understand the daily tangle of telegraphic news from the various warring centres. The new alignment, says George B. Sokolsky, in the "N.C. Daily News," is at the moment of writing as follows:—

1. Chung Tse-lin.—The Mukden leader stands practically alone, assisted only by his family and by remaining adherents within Manchuria. He has been deserted by all his lieutenants inside the Great Wall and has lost such parts of his stores and equipment as happened to be in Tientsin or elsewhere in China when General Kuo Sungling turned on him.

2. The Kuomintang.—Feng Yih-shang's hold on the whole Kuomintang organisation has been strengthened by the defection of Kuo Sungling from the Fengtien organisation. The Second and Third Kuomintang armies, which had been in negotiation with Wu Peifu, are now solidly working with Feng Yih-shang.

Feng Yih-shang (the "Christian General") has as his allies Sun Chuan-fang in Kiangsu and Chekiang and the Peking Government. The cordial relations between "Little" Fung and Sun Chuan-fang are explained in this way.

3. Wu Peifu.—Wu Peifu is in alliance at this moment with Li Ching-shan, Tupan of Chihli, and Chang Chung-chang, Tupan of Shanghai. This does not mean that he is in alliance with Chang Tse-lin and no conclusion as to such possibilities may at this time be drawn. The defeat of the Second Kuomintang army in southern Chihli strengthens Wu Peifu's position in Honan.

4. The Kuomintang.—The Canton Government is apparently in negotiation with various elements in China. It is believed to have been in relationship with Feng Yih-shang for more than a year, but it is now also in negotiation with Wu Peifu and a complete change of policy, internal and international of the Kuomintang organisation is being predicted upon these negotiations. The anti-Bolshevik element of the Kuomintang is actively working to prevent a coalition of the so-called Bolshevik element with the conservative forces in Central China.

[Note.—According to Canton reports Canton is now crying "Down with Tuan Chi-jui" (the head of the Peking Government).]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th day of December, 1925, at NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th Dec. 1925.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. F. HUNFORD is no longer connected with this Company, and ceased to sign as Secretary from 1st December, 1925.

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FRIDAY, 1st January, 1926 - Tea Dance 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, 2nd January - Dinner Dance 8 p.m. to 12 Midnight as usual.

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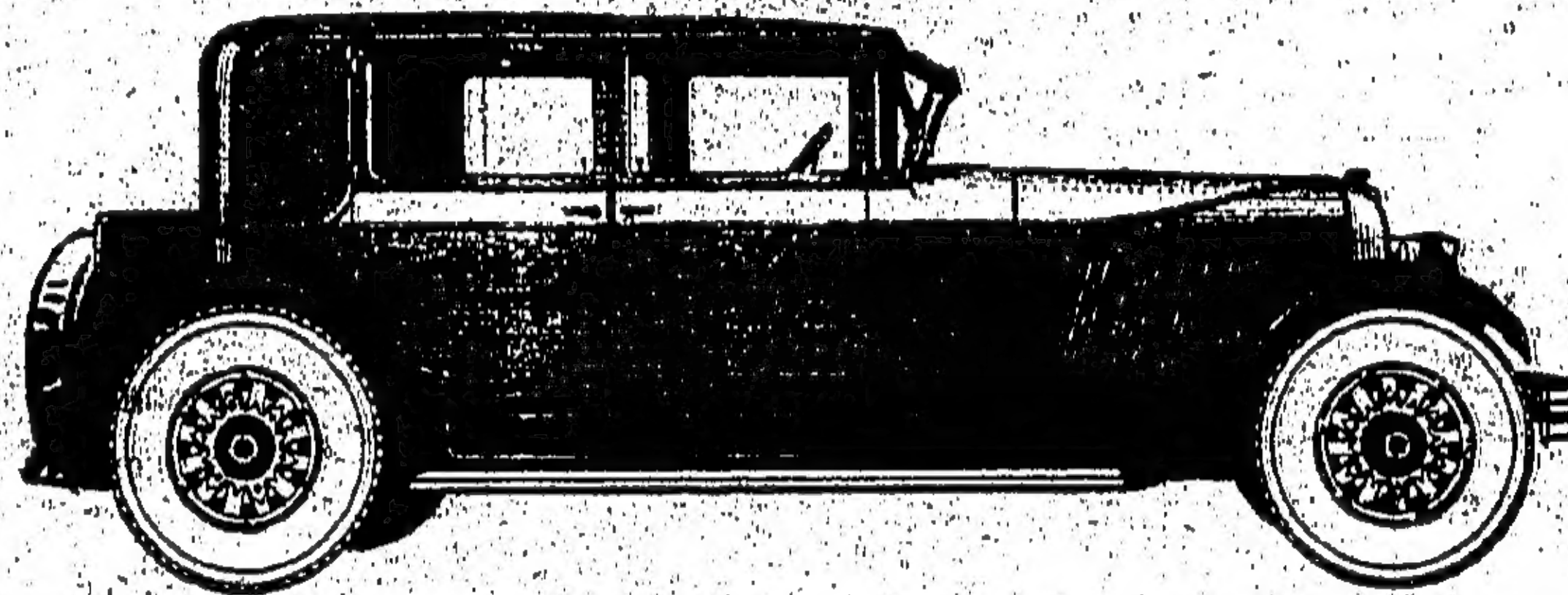
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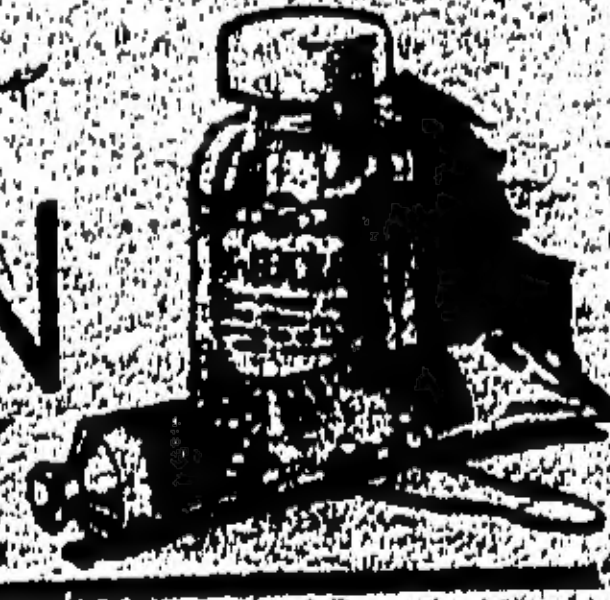
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CHRISTMAS.

Douglas Jerrold, the wit, said of Englishmen, that the first thing the survivors of an earthquake would do, would be to meet and hold a dinner! Here is the ingrained tendency to observe and to rejoice. It is characteristic of the nation. The wanderer, wherever he may be, takes it with him, and whether alone or in company, celebrates the occasion according to tradition. It is so with Christmas, Hongkong, does not, as an eminent writer said of another place, lie "drugged and asleep in the arms of China." It is simply another slice of Home with all the customs of Home observed as far as it is possible to do so. Spring is the season of the Awakening of Men to the realisation of the wonder and glory of this world: it is essentially the season of physical youth. In Summer we see the understanding more fully developed. Autumn is the age of mentality, the season of reflection and often of disillusionment, a time when we are often depressed. So, following in the train of the "Fall" comes the greatest and most wonderful season of all—the season not of youth nor of maturity nor of old age, but the season of Eternity. The season of boys and girls, yet, but the season of men and women, of parents, and the ancients of the family circle as well. What matters it if trade is bad, money tight, and the clouds of misunderstanding seem permanently dark

and lowering. The epoch of Laughter and Love has arrived, of holly and mistletoe, of rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes, of plum puddings and turkeys of "cumshas"—and the numerous presents sent near and far—those "bits of love made visible." How many at this time will think of the first and best Christmas story ever written or will draw the attention of the young people to it, we know not. Its Eastern origination should have an abiding appeal at this time in the misunderstanding clash of Western and Eastern thought. It is written directly and simply as its 445 words prove. It has all the colour of beautiful language; it moves without effort and yet with the quickness of life; it is poetry in the completest sense. "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." The kindness of the sentence and the rich knowledge of life in its simplicity! The first Christmas story and the greatest, a perpetual reminder of the basis on which the Christmas season rests and the fact that its foundation is love. We need to get back to fundamentals and to remember—not merely those of our own home circle and friends, but those whose lot is not found in pleasant places. The season is an expanding one. Tiny Tim's words suffice—"God Bless us everyone"; whilst Robert Burns in his epistle to Davie seems to have a special message for us here in Hongkong and the larger world around us:—
It's no in titles nor in rank;
It's no in wealth like Lon'on bank
To purchase peace and rest;
It's no in making muckle mair;
It's no in books; it's no in lears;
To make us truly blest;
If happiness has not her seat
And centre in the breast,
We may be wise, or rich, or great,
But never can be blest.
Nae treasures, nor pleasures,
Could make us happy lang;
The heart aye's the part aye
That makes us right or wrang.
Then let us cheerfu' acquiesce;
Nor make our scanty pleasures less.
By pining at our state;
And, even should misfortunes come,
I here wha sit has met wi' some,
An' thankful for them yet.
They gie the wit of age to youth.
They let us ken oursel;
They make us see the naked truth,
The real guid and fil.
Though losses and crosses
Be lessons right severe,
There's wit there, ye'll get there,
Ye'll find nae ither where.

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YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES.

Congratulatory references to the surmounting of great difficulties in the completion of the vessel within a reasonable margin of the expected date were made yesterday at the launching of the s.s. "Siang Wo," built to the order of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Clementi. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Managing-Director, Jardine, Matheson & Co., in thanking the company for attending, said that the name "Siang Wo" meant "Felicity and Peace" and he could not think of a more appropriate name for a ship that was just commencing its career in the at present turbulent waters of China. Let them hope that the sentiments "Felicity and Peace" to be borne by this steamer would soon become the general state of China. (Applause.) If any of the company were likely to take a trip up the Yangtze Gorges, they could now travel from Shanghai to Hankow by the "Longwo" or "Kungwo" and, as soon as this ship was finished, complete the journey as far as Ichang, in vessels all built at this Dockyard. After that, however, they would have to proceed up the Gorges in boats built in Shanghai or at Home.

This ship should have been launched several months ago and he very much regretted that owing to the strike and boycott there had been some delay. However, in spite of all the adverse circumstances with which they had had to contend, they had been able to carry on quite well, and it was encouraging to find that their neighbours, the Taikoo Dockyard, had also been able to continue work in their yard and were likewise launching a ship that afternoon.

Christened By Mrs. Clementi.

He thanked Mrs. Clementi for doing them the honour of coming to launch and christen this vessel. Mrs. Clementi was known to many of them there that day, when she was in Hongkong before, and he could not think of a better way the Dock Company could have welcomed her back than by asking her to christen the first ship launched since her return, and in agreeing to do so Mrs. Clementi had given evidence of the interest both she and H.E. the Governor took in the industries of Hongkong. He had very much pleasure in asking Mrs. Clementi to accept a small souvenir of the occasion, and he would ask all to join in drinking to the prosperity and success of the "Siang Wo" and her owners.

Mr. Bernard presented Mrs. Clementi with a diamond brooch, and the company drank to the success of the vessel.

Mrs. Clementi, in replying, spoke of the great pleasure it gave her to launch the good ship that afternoon. She thought it a great privilege to do so. She wished the vessel many years of work, and she hoped it would thoroughly fulfil its auspicious name.

Indo-China Co.'s Thanks.

Mr. R. Sutherland, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., said it was his pleasant duty on behalf of the Indo-China Co., to thank the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., for having so successfully designed and launched the "Siang Wo" which, when completed would undoubtedly be a source of satisfaction to her owners. He said "undoubtedly" because they had had many years' experience of the good and honest work of the Dock Company, this being the 8th vessel contracted for with the same builders. It was certainly a matter of congratulation to the Dock Company, particularly the Executive Staff that this good ship, notwithstanding unexpected and what at one time looked like insuperable difficulties, had been successfully launched within a reasonable margin of the expected date. Such results called for unremitting perseverance and patience and he might say that these qualities so pronounced in their Chief Manager must stand the Company in good stead.

It was perhaps in times of stress that the Executives of the Dock, judging by his experience, reached the high-water mark of efficiency, and in combating the ever recurring chaos caused by labour troubles, typhoons, etc., and in emergency salvage operations, he had always sworn by them. It was only right to add, however, that in the ordinary routine of business, he had so far forgotten himself as to occasionally swear at them. (Laughter.) However, he could

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

At night home to This and many a splendid deed of
December 24, supper, and it being a like nature did Nicholas in the
1668, now very cold and name of God, and always in secret,
in hopes of a frost and to-day we say that he comes to
I begin this night to put on the fill the children's stockings for the
waistcoat, it being the first winter sake of his Master—the Lover and
in my whole memory that ever I Saviour of all mankind.

DECEMBER 25, wine at the Rose
1667, Tavern door, while
the constables come,
and two or three Bellmen went by,
it being a fine, brightly moonlit
morning, and so home round the
city, and stopped and dropped
money at five or six places, which
I was the willing to do, it being
Christmas day, and so home, and
and my wife in bed, and Jane and
the maids nipping pyes.

Are they asleep?
CHRISTMAS EVE, now for engines
and drums,
And carpentering sets and puppies
on wheels.
Are they asleep? Just have a list
peep.
You don't know how heavy my arm
feels.
I might drop an orange or burst a
balloon;
If they are awake they will hear
the least sound,
And, pretending to sleep, they'll
just have a peep.
To see what clumsy fancies are
wandering round.

December 6 was St.
THE REAL Nicholas Day, the
SANTA CLAUS, saint who was the
famous
Santa
Claus, the children's friend at
Christmas-time. He was indeed
the first Santa Claus, as this story
of his early life will show. As a
young and rich man he was one day
walking through the streets of his
native town when he heard the
screams of lamentation proceeding
from the house of a nobly-born man
who had lost all his money, and
was, with his three daughters, on
the verge of starvation.

Nicholas hurried home and took
from his inheritance of three bags
of gold one bag, and, returning to
the house, he thrust the precious
pieces of metal through an open
window, when it was found the
next morning by the nobleman and
bathed as a gift from God.

The next night Nicholas did the
same with the second bag of gold,
and again on the third night with
the last bag, but on this occasion
he was discovered, and the owner
of the house knelt before him.
Nicholas raised him, saying: "Give
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assure them that their relations
had always been of the most
cordial nature and long might they
remain so.

World Shipping.

That shipping generally was at
its lowest ebb was world-wide
knowledge; the depression in ship-
building, particularly in the
United Kingdom was such as to
call for the most searching in-
vestigation by experts conversant
with our great national industries.
This regrettable state of trade had
resulted in some half a million
tons of shipping being laid up in
U.K. ports alone, and still more
serious perhaps some 8,000
Officers and Engineers had in
consequence been put out of
employment.

There were occasions, however,
when shipping Companies, no
matter how inopportune the time,
were obliged to maintain at all
costs, valuable trade connections,
and it was a situation such as this
that had some time ago to be faced
by the Indo-China Co., and which
led to the decision to replace, or
supplement, the old vessels operat-
ing on the Middle Yangtze River
between Hankow and Ichang.

The steamers in question were the
"Changwo" aged 24 years and the
"Kiangwo" which was built in
Shanghai some 24 years ago. Old
and faithful servants; links in that
long and important chain of trade
extending from Chungking 1,427
miles up the Yangtze, thence to
Hankow, Shanghai, Hongkong and
Canton, a transport in all of over
2,500 miles or roughly speaking the
distance from Hongkong to
Australia, which illustrated the
vastness of China's area of com-
mercial trade. As the strength
of the chain was weakened by the
weakest link so they had seen fit
to bring the tonnage on the Middle
River up to date by acquiring the
vessel which they had just seen so
successfully launched.

In wishing prosperity to the
Dock Company, it was significant

Harry tells the follow-

LAUDER, ing:—
Somebody proposed to
sing "The Village Blacksmith."
While the vocalist was resting in
his hotel a visitor was shown in.
"I understand, sir," he said,
"that you are going to sing 'The
Village Blacksmith' at the con-
cert to-night?"
"That is so," said the stranger.
"Well," said the caller, "I just
came to say that I am the village
blacksmith here, and I would take
it very kindly if you could intro-
duce into the song a few words
which would let the folk know
that I also repair bicycles."

Not many of these
THE BOWLER. things seem to be
noticed in Hong-
kong this winter. The Outfitter,
a journal which deals with men's
fashions in clothes, says that the
bowler or derby hat has had to
take second place to the soft
Homburg hat. The bowler has
had quite a long history, for it
was in the early years of the
eighteenth century that one Wil-
liam Bowler, a Southwark hatter,
devised the round-crowned hard
felt hat which was also called the
billy-cock, or more correctly the
bully-cock; that is, cocked after
the fashion of the bullies. Possi-
bly the origin of the bowler may
be found in a similar headgear
worn by the Parsee gentlemen in
Bombay, which, while just the
same shape, has a sort of tubular
brim instead of the flat or slightly
curved brim as we know it.

Dead Marines:

A DEFINITION. An empty bottle.
A "Marine" or
"Dead Marine" used in the days
of hard drinking to be an accept-
ed synonym for an empty bottle.
synonym for an empty bottle.
William IV, when Duke of
Clarence and Lord High Admiral,
at an official dinner, is related to
have said to a waiter, pointing to
some empty bottles:
"Take away those 'Marines.'"
An elderly Major of Marines
present rose and said:

"My I respectfully ask why
Your Royal Highness applies the
name of the corps to which I have
the honour to belong to an empty
bottle?" The Duke, with the
unfailing tact of his family, saved
the situation. "I call them
'Marines' because they are good
fellows who have done their duty
and are ready to do it again!"

that in times of trade depression
the Indo-China Co., could not find
Docks for their annual overhaul
jobs, without the use of the old
Aberdeen Dock, a place which at
one time they did not regard too
favourably and which some years
ago might have been demolished.
It would seem, therefore, that
there was still a very considerable
amount of shipping in operation
and as regards the Indo-China Co.,
it was a source of gratification to
know that after a protracted
lay-up of a portion of the fleet, all
the vessels were now more or less
operating in their customary
trades. He trusted that the im-
provement would continue and
that the Dock Co., would reap its
benefits accordingly.

He would now ask all to drink
to the continued prosperity of the
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock
Co., and he coupled this toast with
the name of Mr. R. M. Dyer.

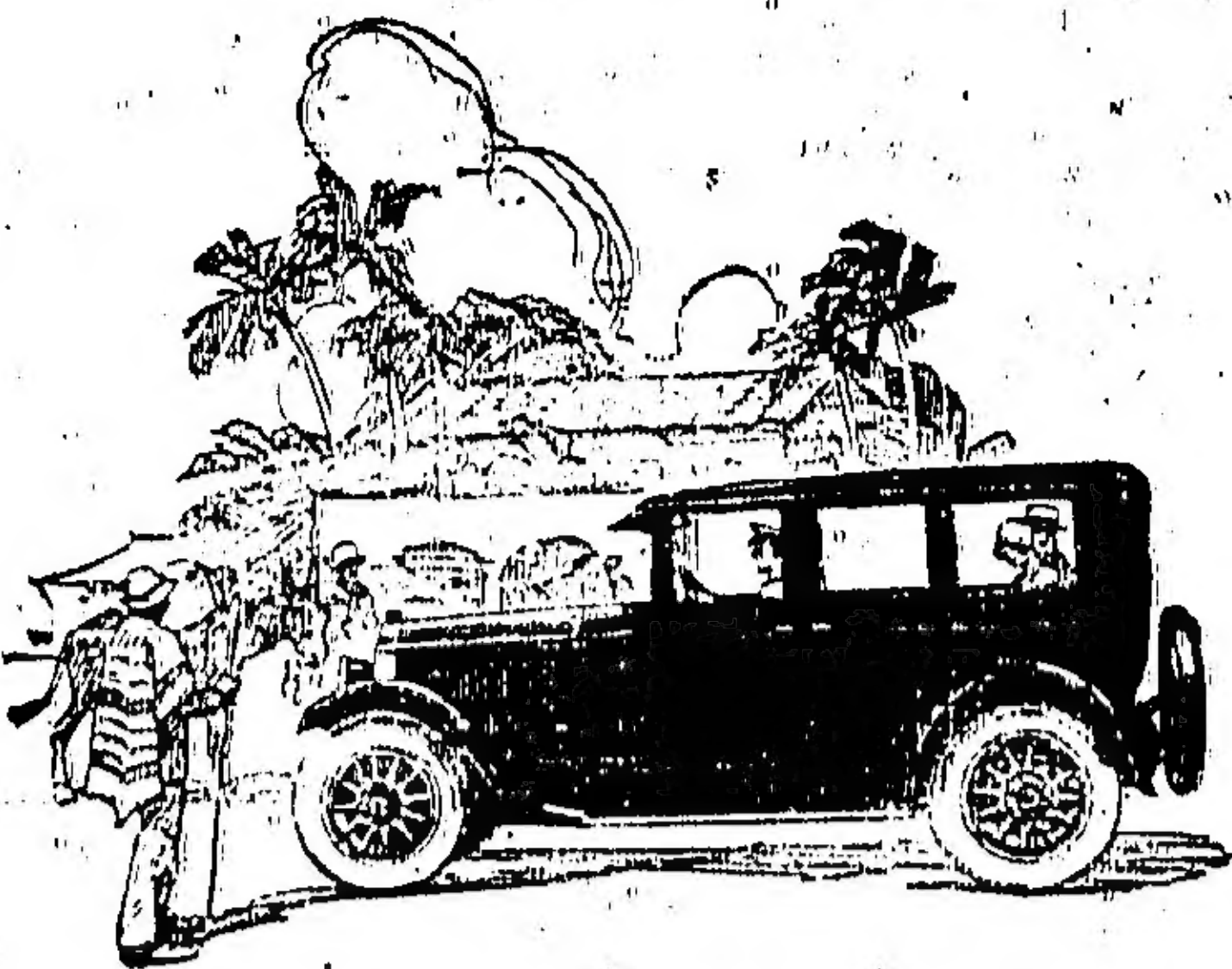
The toast was cordially drunk,
and Mr. R. M. Dyer suitably re-
plied, and said, that though the
last five or six months had been
rather difficult, he was an optimist
and was looking forward to the
future.

MR. ERIC RICE.

VISIT OF OVERSEAS LEAGUE
COMMISSIONER.

Sir E. Stubbs former Secretary
Mr. Eric Rice, is well known in
the Colony. He is now Special
Commissioner of the Overseas
League and has made several
world tours in its behalf. Mr. Rice
is coming to Hongkong and will
be in the Colony some time next
month when doubtless the inter-
ests of the League in the Colony
will receive particular attention.
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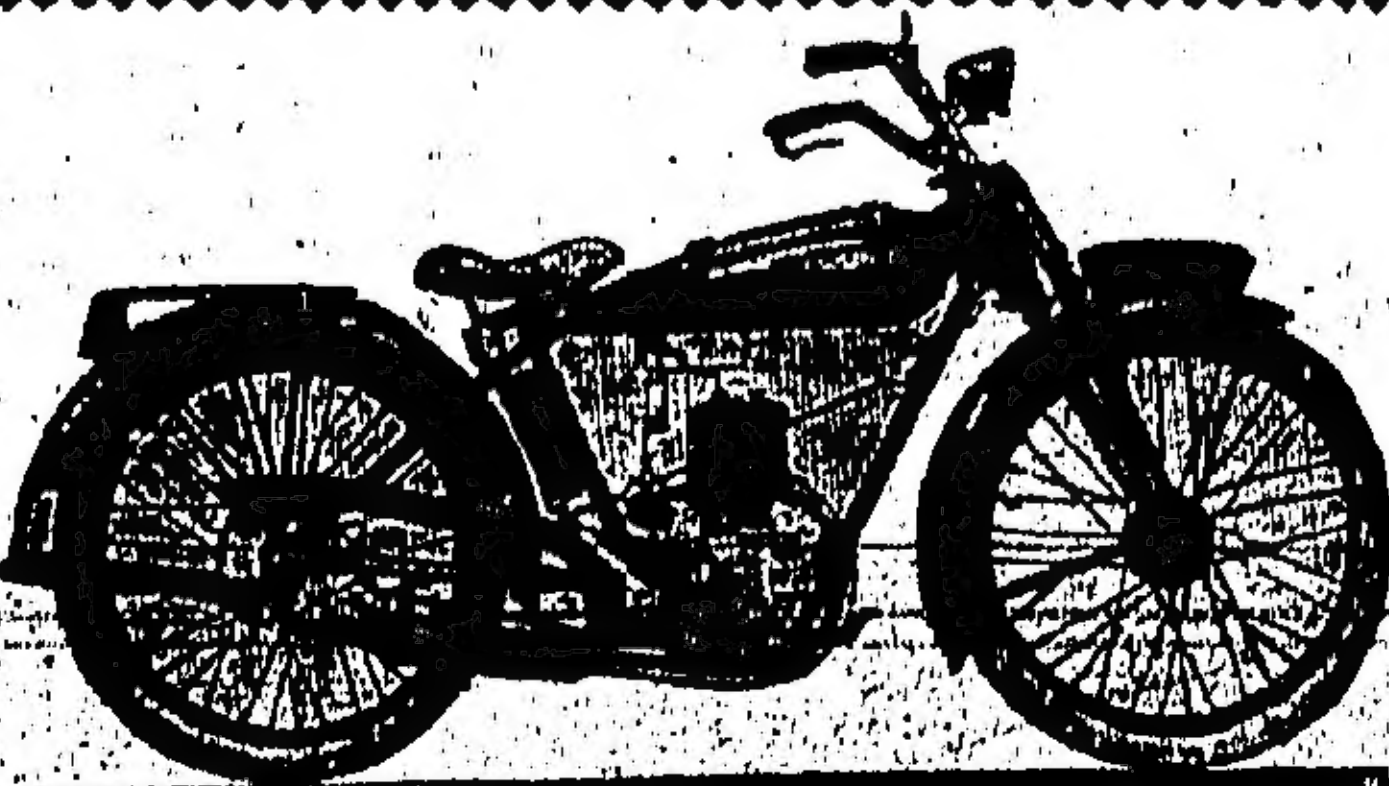
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The "China Mail" will not be published to-morrow, Christmas Day, but will appear again as usual on Saturday.

To-morrow, Christmas Day, there will be services at 8.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. On Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be a Christmas carol service and organ recital.

Home and Europe mail via Siberia by the s.s. "Yingchow" amounts to 32 bags, while the total number of bags, including Shanghai mail, is 271.

Tokyo Municipality distributed a large number of "chan-cha" or sleeveless kimono to poor persons in Tokyo who are more than 70 years old on December 20. Other gifts were made to other aged persons by city officials. All the gifts were accompanied with greetings from Mayor Nakamura.

Wilfred King, manager of the Bombay skating rink, charged with the illicit sale of cocaine valued at Rs. 54,000 to the Excise Inspector Navalkar, who posed as an up-country buyer, was sentenced on December 1 by the third Presidency Magistrate to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 1,000 fine.

"The Chinese Theatres Handbook" a booklet by Mr. B. S. Allen, has just been published in Peking by "La Librairie Française." The originality and interest of this work, which has been expressly written to enable foreigners to understand the Chinese stage will make it popular both with the general public and the lovers of Chinese art; for, up to the present very little attention has been paid to drama of this country and very little information can be obtained on the subject from foreign literature. Mr. Allen explains also many of the conventions and symbols of this art, such as the waving of a tasseled wand to show that the actor is on horseback and the mounting of a chair to secure invisibility.

"Don Q." at the Queen's Theatre provides a first-rate holiday attraction.

The return of Notifiable Diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday, shows one Chinese case of enteric fever.

The return of Chinese immigrants arriving in Singapore in November was 14,820, and the number of male adults for the year to date 132,688. The number of deck passengers who left Singapore during November was 8,407 and the total to date 69,275.

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club have arranged to hold the annual Kowloon Marathon Race on Monday, March 1. The distance of the race will be about 6 1/2 miles, and the event is open to all Europeans in the Colony. Three silver prize cups will be awarded and entries have to be sent to Secretary before February 20.

Upon request by the Social Bureau of the Japanese Department of Home Affairs, 36 colleges, universities, and higher technical schools have compiled reports on the employment situation of those who were graduated last March. Among graduates numbering 9,208, 6,133 graduates were given positions, while 3,074 graduates from higher technical schools entered graduate schools. The remaining 2,271 graduates are without positions.

The Russian universities and higher technical schools, which are now opening their doors for another year of study, report an enrollment of 18,100 students, as against 15,000 last year. This represents a certain measure of recovery after the very sharp cutting down in the number of admissions which took place last year because of the physical inability of the universities to care for the proper education of the crowds of students who poured in during the early years of the Revolution. It is reported that a majority of the students show an interest in technical and natural scientific courses.

The Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed to the transaction of public business to-morrow and Saturday.

Members of St. John's Cathedral congregation are being invited to attend special services on Sunday next—which is St. John's Day.

Subscribers to the Tokyo Radio Broadcasting Station have been increasing rapidly. A check-up compiled November 15, showed 111,923 subscribers of which there are 56,570 in Tokyo, 30 in Hachioji, and 41,566 in suburbs. The J.O.A.K. in the meantime is to launch another campaign to increase the number to 150,000.

The loan which the Soviet Government recently floated for the reconstruction of Russian industry has yielded favourable results in the shape of advance orders for shares to the value of 800,000,000 rubles. The proceeds of this loan are designed to furnish badly needed capital for the installation of new machinery and the building of new factories.

Three million pounds of copper are used every year in the manufacture of the common pin and the safety pin, the delegates to the National Hardware Association of the United States were told by Harry H. R. Spofford of the Copper and Brass Research Association, New York. Copper is the only material selling at its pre-war price, and even just below that level, he avowed. This is possible because the production made necessary during the war has been continued.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

An enjoyable dance was held in the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters last night under the auspices of the Police Recreation Club. Dancing began at 9 p.m. and was continued into the small hours of the morning. Many of the dancers were in costumes of a varied and original character.

Miss W. I. Griffin of the C.M.S. Mission; Rev. N. V. Holward, Chaplain to the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. H. C. Lowick and Mr. F. Sutton, both of the P.W.D., and Mr. C. G. Perdue of the Criminal Investigation Department, are passengers for Hongkong in the "Karmala," which left London on Friday last.

Mr. Taguchi, Secretary to the House of Representatives, has returned to Tokyo from a tour abroad. Upon instructions by the Government, he inspected possibilities for broadcasting of the Diet discussions by radio. Apparently his reports have not been received favourably by the Tokyo Radio Broadcasting Station.

Japan is to learn etiquette from the movies. The Department of Education has laid plans to launch a campaign for the instruction of the public to begin in February. A committee composed of 20 leading educators met on December 20 to set up standards of social etiquette on the outline drafted by the Department. A statement by the Department declares that the Japanese people are lacking in social etiquette because the emphasis of education has been placed upon family rank rather than upon social contacts.

A children's party was given by the Peak Hotel yesterday when a large crowd of youngsters the majority, being under ten, were entertained to tea and a Christmas tree and had a delightfully happy time. The tea tables were laden with the good things dear to the hearts of the young folk, including a plentiful supply of bon-bons, and subsequently each child received a present from the Christmas tree together with a Christmas stocking, a basket of sweets and a balloon. Captain Walker acted the part of Father Christmas and Mrs. Jenkinson, the Manageress of the hotel, presided over affairs generally and worked untiringly to make the gathering the success it was.

Mischa Levitzki has been giving a series of successful piano recitals in Japan. He has left for a tour in America.

Sir Edward Elgar, the new Beethoven Gold Medalist, has in his garden a tree that recalls the esteem in which he is held in Germany. Before the war he went to Dusseldorf to conduct a performance of his "Gerontius," and was publicly presented with a laurel wreath of such generous dimensions that it had to be sent to him as special freight. When it reached his Hereford home it was withered and yellow, but Sir Edward planted a cutting from the wreath in his garden, which grew into a fine bay tree, and when he moved to Hampstead this tree was transplanted to his new home.

Mr. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., who is one of the delegates with the Empire Press Union on the visit to Australia, writes home. "During one of the long train journeys across Australia Viscountess Burnham, whose husband is president of the Empire Press Union, walked down the corridor of the train and asked all those delegates who were bachelors or, through force of circumstances, were travelling without their wives, whether they required any socks darned or buttons sewn on, or such like." She explained that this was an art to which she had been brought up since childhood, and she would be only too pleased to help any unfortunate delegate.

The "Yushin" says: "It is reported that Dr. John R. Mott, of America, will make his sixth visit to Japan arriving on the 17th instant. The last time he visited Japan Dr. Mott presented to the Imperial Family a set of gold tableware, contributed much money towards Japan's social enterprises, and was received in audience by his Majesty the Emperor." It is said that "at the coming" visit America's living Christ will be decorated by the Prince Regent. At the time of the Kwanto catastrophe he raised for the earthquake sufferers ¥2,000,000 from among the devotees. The Premier, Viscount Kato, Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister, and other leading statesmen, religiousists, and business men are preparing to welcome the well-known visitor for a week.

Shanghai ladies are to have an opportunity to learn the art of fencing.

Mr. T. K. Chak, who has been running six troops of Boy Scouts, is resting under medical advice.

Mr. A. Kirk has resigned his S. M. Ship of the 3rd Troop of Boy Scouts, but is to act as its Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Walton has died at Leeds, aged 105. She celebrated her birthday in May, when she received the King's congratulations and was visited by the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Born at Bath in 1820, her father was a professional singer, and her first husband a travelling showman, by whom she had 23 children. Forty years ago, on the death of her husband, she married a Leeds photographer. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren number 170.

Dr. Inazo Nitobe, Deputy Secretary-General to the League of Nations at Geneva, who is at present in England lecturing on behalf of the League, is described as a man with a perfect "platform manner" and a strong sense of humour. He speaks almost faultless English, and has a way of halting impressively before the more crucial utterances in his speeches. At home Dr. Nitobe is an important personage at the University of Tokyo, but until recently he had not visited Japan for six years.

Richard Barthelmess paid a visit to Sing Sing prison for the laudable purpose of presenting a number of cash prizes for critical reviews of his new film, "The Beautiful City." The prisoners, who viewed the picture some weeks ago expressed themselves in no uncertain terms on the subjects of robbery, "bells," and prison life, all of which play extensive roles in the film story. James Dunn, winner of the first prize, called the Automaton pay roll theft, "a bit of flawless workmanship and deserving of congratulations from the fraternity of 'Grifters'."

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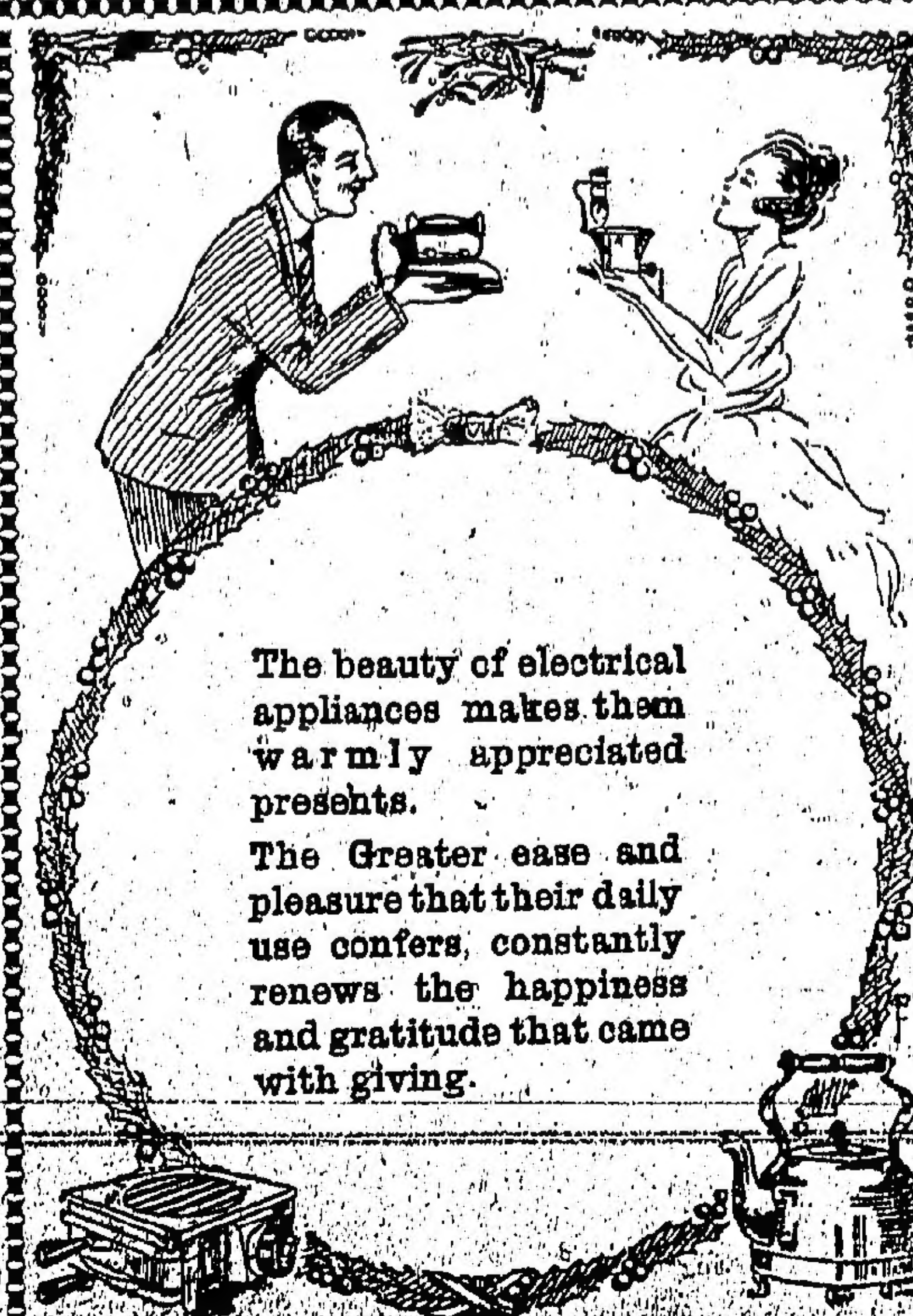
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

CARTLIDGE LOSES.

UNSATISFACTORY BOXING CONTEST.

MORRIS WINS EVEN BOUT.

Marred to a great extent in that it became more of a wrestling bout than a boxing contest, the main event at last night's tournament between Cartledge and Morris was a disappointment in some respects although the fight finished amid great excitement. Morris, the heavier of the two in this catchweight match, was given the decision on points, the announcement being met with prolonged cheering. A draw, however, might have been more appropriate, as the margin of points must have been exceedingly small. It would be interesting to know the exact award by the two judges and the referee.

Six of the seven items went the full distance, the sport therefore lasting till a late hour. Some heavy punching and spirited fighting was seen in the preliminaries and the boxing was quite good on the whole.

MAIN EVENT.

Stoker Norman Morris (H.M.S. "Hermes") beat Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge, the Colony's lightweight champion, (H.M. Naval Yard) on points. As expected Cartledge set a rattling pace from the first going and was still ahead on points at the end of the 12th round. The 13th saw Morris win fairly comfortably. Morris had a big superiority in the 14th in which Cartledge was knocked about and the last round also went to the stoker. Morris won these last three rounds by bigger margins than Cartledge ever secured in any earlier period. This may have just swung the balance round in Morris's favour to the extent of getting him the verdict.

There was not one round in which there was not a superfluity of clinching. At a disadvantage in weight and reach, Cartledge made it his business to do most of the leading, nip in and score, and then concentrate on in-fighting. Except when Jim was palpably tired—and even distressed in the 14th when Morris rocked him once or twice with all his weight behind his deliveries—he more than held his own. When it came to holding for any period each man would try and work his head under the other's until the referee, Mr. A. Murdoch, had to step between them and enforce his orders.

In the early stages Cartledge was convincingly speedier both with his hands and in footwork. He was warned in rounds 1 and 2 for holding when his ringcraft secured him the merest shade of points.

Cartledge's slipping and ducking were the feature of round 3 but the catch-as-catch-can business predominated. Rounds 4, 5 and 6 saw Cartledge on the aggressive, scoring cleverly with both hands. Morris's strong point was his headwork and countering.

In round 8 Morris began to assert himself. Both got home with the right, Morris the heavier. The pace began to tell on Cartledge who still held his own but boxed with fine generosity. Morris's left eye began to show signs of wear in round 11 with Cartledge "coming back" nicely and winning the round.

Using his crouch to jump in with all his weight, Morris found the mark with both hands in rounds 13 and 14. Cartledge being warned again in the latter. Jim made a determined effort to hang on towards the end relying on his ringcraft to see him through. Many of Morris's onslaughts were evaded or taken on the gloves. Clinches and holding made for very little open boxing but what there was of range work went to Morris. The "house" expressed disapproval but cheered the verdict.

THE MINOR BOUTS.

The main event was under N.S.C. rules but with two judges and a referee. The preliminaries were each of six rounds, under I.S.B.A. rules (with two judges and a referee) by which the count is silent. All bouts were of 2-minute rounds.

Bowles v. Hills.
Drummer Bowles, 128 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") knocked out Marine Hills, 128 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") in round 2.

Crouching so as to get in through his opponent's longer reach, Bowles sent Hills down in round 1 but the going intervened. Round 2 saw Hills groggy and the fight was soon over.

Referee: Dr. E. P. Minett.

HOLIDAY SOCCER.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY MATCHES.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

Football fixtures for the holidays, both under the auspices of the "Sunday Herald" international charity competition, are as follows:—

Christmas Day (Friday):—England v. China, kick-off 11 a.m.
Boxing Day (Saturday):—Scotland v. Portugal, kick-off 4 p.m.

Both matches on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

There will be one change in the England team as previously announced. Mason (Kowloon) has had an injury to his wrist. Howard (Club) takes his place and will play inside right. The team, therefore, is:—

Wavish: Wheeler, Wynne; Mitchell, Sims (captain), Watson; Charlesworth, Howard, Humberstone, Butler, Macklesworth.

In the first round of the Kowloon Golf Championship, W. J. Carroll beat R. Johnson, R. Meldrum beat E. A. Beaumont, J. O. McLaggan beat W. McG. Davies, J. H. Gelling beat C. Earee, T. E. Jones w.o. from A. S. Burford, W. J. Shenon beat A. Brooksbank, W. Paterson beat F. E. Lawrence, F. E. Remedios beat A. W. Brown, J. D. Thomson beat A. W. de Rosier, A. W. Roberts beat V. C. Labrum, G. Featherman beat S. J. Jordani, J. H. Bottomley w.o. from F. Oliver.

Gardner v. Major.
A better defence and effective style gave A.B. Gardner, 126 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") the verdict over Harry Major, 124 lbs. (Hongkong).

Major worked hard to connect with his vicious right hook or swing but the right side of his head was unguarded. In the latter half Gardner boxed more confidently but he did not win by much.

Referee: Dr. E. P. Minett.
Baker v. Emmerson.
L.S. Baker, 140 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") had previously defeated Ldg. Tel. Emmerson, 142 lbs. (H.M.S. "Marazion") but they boxed a draw after a rattling contest last night.

Emmerson was the stockier and slower, relying on swings at long range. In round 3 Emmerson caught Baker with a lovely right pinning his man to the corner. Baker, however, fought back surprisingly well and was the better man at the finish as Emmerson was tired.

Referee: Mr. W. Logan.
Jackson v. Morrell.
A.B. Jackson, 145 lbs., beat Stoker Morrell, 156½ lbs., on points (both of H.M.S. "Hawkins").

Morrell started confidently. Although he seemed to score often he was either flicking his man or hitting with an open glove. Jackson gradually "found" himself and proved the better boxer. He uses the right-arm-forward stance and was the neater, never being hurried by Morrell's rushes.

Referee: Com. J. G. Bower, R.N.

Pearce v. Miller.
A.B. ("Dusty") Miller, 162 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") appointed against A.B. Pearce, 159 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hawkins") putting up a poorer show than he did last month.

With the confidence of a previous victory behind him Pearce was uncertain in his attacks. The old 'un was tactical but much too slow to do what he tried. Pearce won practically every round.

Referee: Mr. A. Murdoch.
Barber v. Valentine.
Pie Barber, 139 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") beat A.B. Valentine, 141 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") on points.

Valentine was another southpaw. Barber kept his right in reserve, held low down. With a left parry and a rush, he waged a continuous offensive and did all the leading but often missed as Valentine was slippery. Now and then, especially in the first two or three rounds, Valentine scored nicely. The bout became a running contest towards the end, causing much amusement, but neither boxer was given or taken.

Referee: Com. J. G. Bower, R.N.

A Challenge.
Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes"), welterweight champion of the Colony, challenged the winner of the Jackson v. Morrell contest (won by Jackson).

RUGBY INTERPORT.

HONGKONG TEAM SAILED YESTERDAY.

FIRST JAPANESE XV.

Yesterday Hongkong's interport rugby team sailed on the "President McKinley" for Shanghai. Full details were given in Tuesday's "China Mail".

The Keio University rugby team left Tokyo on December 22 for Shanghai to participate in the Christmas games there.

The tour, which is made at the invitation of the Shanghai club marks the first step of a Japanese rugby team in the international field.

The members of the team are:—FW—Iwashi, Kobayashi, Nakamura, Yoshimoto, Suzuki (MF), Miyachi, Takahashi, Kadohira, Ayabe, Ishikawa.

HB—Hagiwara, Kishida, Suzuki (G).

TB—Kotabe, Yamaguchi, Tsutsumi, Hamada, Maruyama, FB—Takano, Tomizawa.

Managers—Majima, Masuda. After four holiday games, according to the present schedule, the team will leave Shanghai on December 31 or January 1. On the way home, the team is scheduled to play two Kwansai teams.

The complete schedule so far decided follows:—

December 26—Keio vs. Shanghai.
December 28—Shanghai vs. Hongkong.

December 30—Keio vs. Hongkong.
January 4—Keio vs. All Kynshu.
January 10—Keio vs. All Kwansu.

LOCAL CRICKET.

SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

TWO "MARRIED V. SINGLE."

The Hongkong Cricket Club and the Army met in a two-day cricket match in the triangular tournament. Besides this match there are two others fixed for Christmas Day and four for Boxing Day, all friendly games.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Hongkong C.C. v. Army on the H.K.C.C. ground.

University 1st XI v. Royal Navy 1st XI on the University ground.

Indian Recreation Club, Married v. Single, on the I.R.C. ground.

BOXING DAY.
Hongkong C.C. v. Army on the H.K.C.C. ground (continued).

Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Artillery on the K.C.C. ground.

Police "R.C." Footballers v. Cricketers, on the P.R.C. ground.

University 2nd XI v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI on the University ground.

Craigengower C.C., Married v. Single, on the C.C.C. ground.

HOW THEY STAND.

LOCAL LEAGUE SOCCER TABLES.

An interesting stage has been reached now in the middle of the soccer season. The league tables to date are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
Kowloon	8	4	0	3	23	7	12
H.K.F.C.	8	5	1	2	8	11	11
South China	8	4	2	4	10	8	10
Beaconsfield	8	4	1	3	10	17	9
Surveys	8	3	2	1	14	8	8
Artillery	7	2	1	4	9	17	5
Tamar	7	2	0	5	13	4	4
Police	10	1	1	8	10	3	3

Div. II (Sec. A).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
South China "A"	7	7	0	0	11	2	11
Kowloon Reserves	6	6	1	2	9	13	13
Surveys Reserves	6	5	2	1	10	4	12
R.A. Reserves	6	3	3	0	9	4	9
Drummers	11	4	1	6	22	9	9
St. Joseph's	6	1	3	5	2	1	6
Rejoice "A"	8	1	1	6	6	2	3
H.K.F.C. Reserves	8	0	1	7	3	2	1

Div. II (Sec. B).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
South China "B"	6	5	1	0	14	5	11
University	7	5	1	1	13	10	11
St. J's Reserves	6	4	2	0	12	10	10
Drummers Reserves	6	3	2	1	9	8	8
St. J's Board	6	3	2	1	13	7	7
St. Joseph's "B"	6	3	0	3	9	11	6
Kowloon "B"	6	1	0	4	11	2	2
Kowloon "C"	6	0	2	4	12	2	2
Kowloon "D"	7	0	1	6	3	15	4

On Boxing Day Craigengower C.C. will hold a game at 5.30 p.m. and "Children's Day" will be held at the Civil Service C.C.

A "one club" competition will be held at the Kowloon Golf Club on Boxing Day. Players may select any club they choose. Competition to be decided on strokes, less handicap allowance.

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH FIRST LEAGUE RESULT.

THE TABLE TO DATE.

(Routledge's Service.)

London, Dec. 23.
In the Scottish Football League (div. 1), Cowdenbeat beat Queen's Park by 7 goals to 3.

The league table now stands:—

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F.A. Pts.

Celtic 18 13 2 3 45 17 28

St. Mirren 20 11 4 5 32 24 26

Falkirk 19 12 2 5 36 28 26

Airdrieonians 12 1 6 48 25 25

Hearns 20 11 3 6 37 27 25

Rangers 20 11 1 8 41 26 23

Motherwell 20 9 5 6 33 24 23

Hamilton 19 9 4 6 43 31 22

Cowdenbeat 9 3 7 49 38 21

Dundee 21 8 5 8 27 30 21

Aberdeen 21 7 4 10 33 34 18

Kilmarnock 19 6 4 9 32 45 16

Dundee U 19 6 4 9 34 16 16

Morton 18 6 4 8 23 36 16

Park T 18 5 5 8 32 37 15

Hibernians 19 5 3 11 33 13 13

Queen's Park 6 1 13 41 47 13

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(Times of Ceylon.)

London, December 3.

Prince Ranjitsinhji, interviewed prior to proceeding to India via Marseilles to-day, said he was looking forward to returning for the Test Matches (next year) and racing, and said that as regards cricket he was prejudiced as he knew England's possible teams so well.

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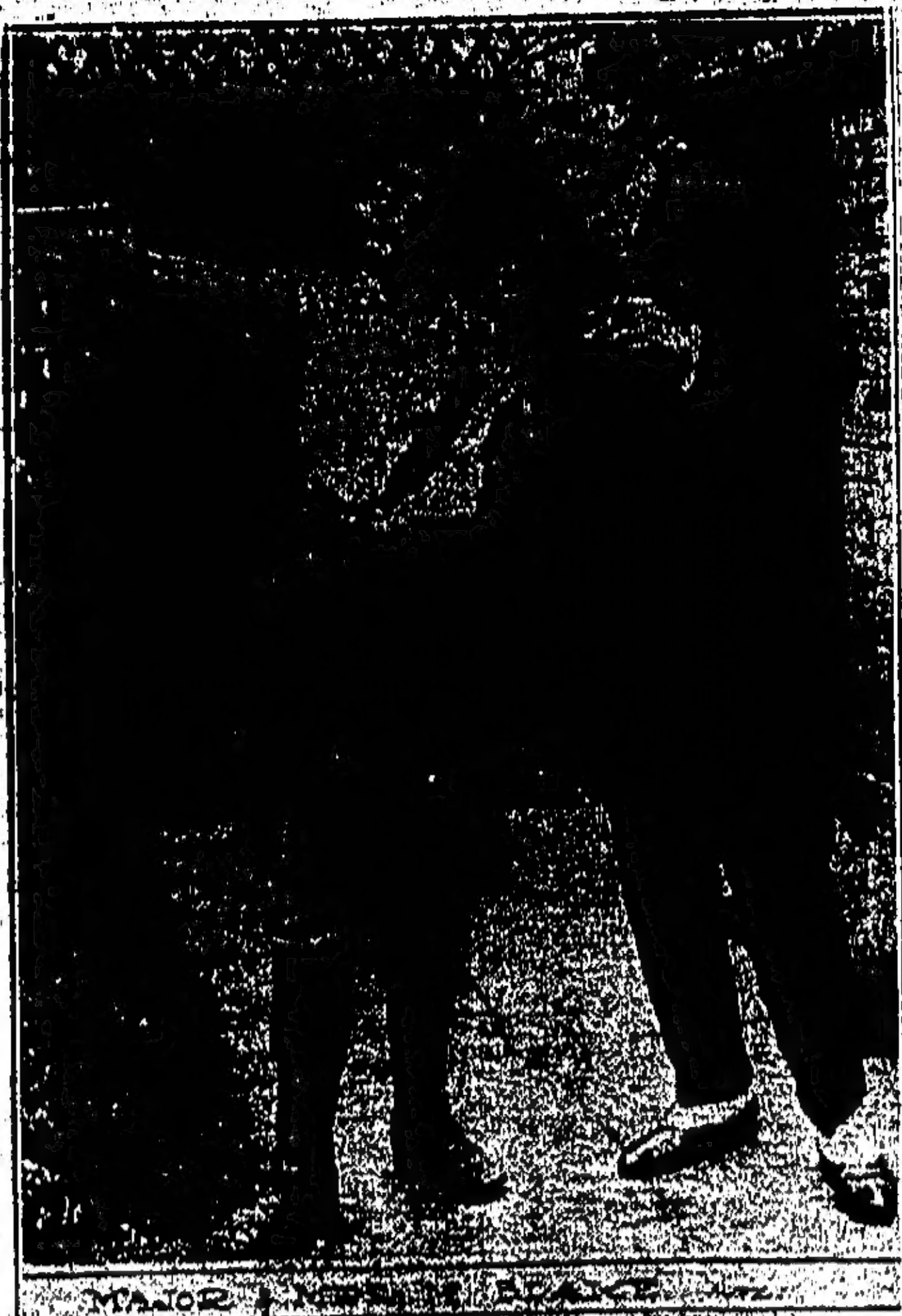
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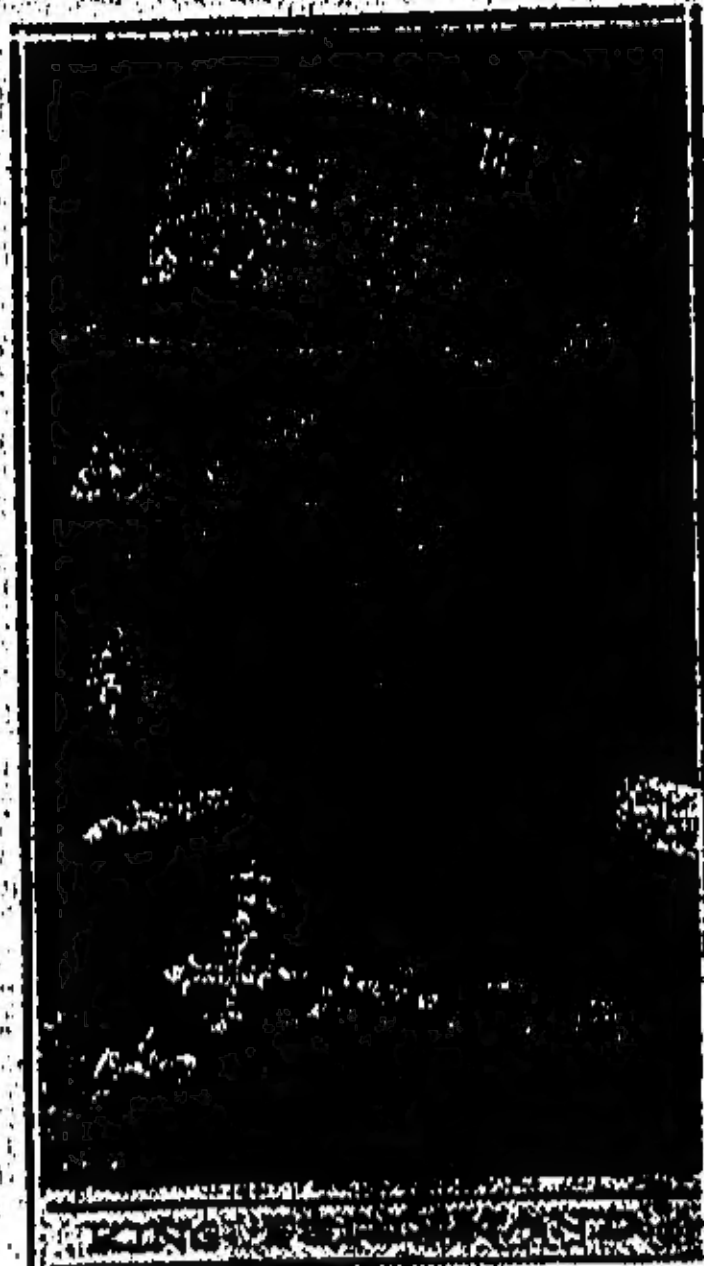
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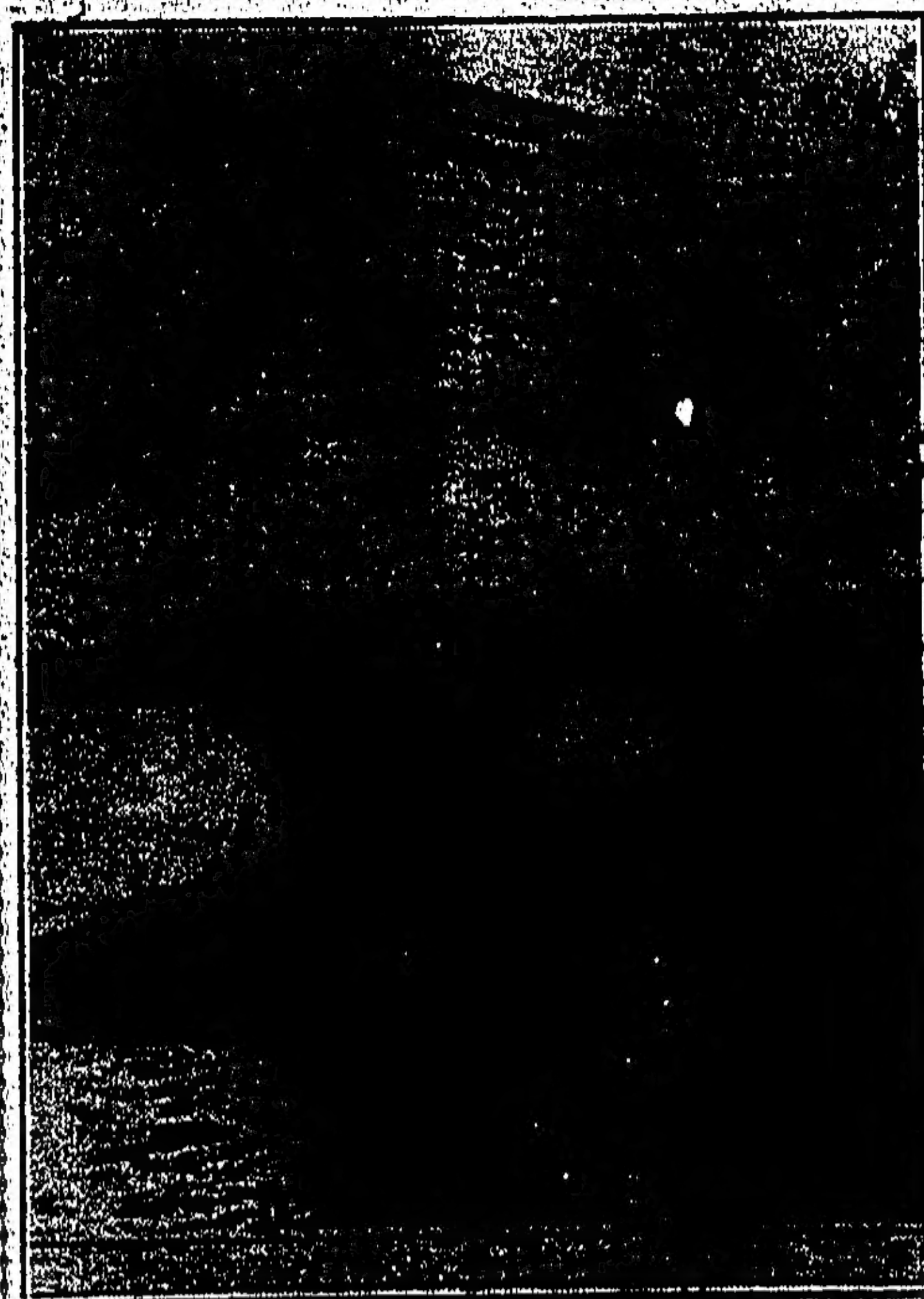
People and Events in the News of the World



Mrs. M. Blake, the first woman to undertake an expedition to the diamond fields of British Guiana, travelled 27 days in an open boat up the Mazaruni River, crossing dangerous rapids and falls. Her husband is Major Blake.



Communists lying in wait for King Ferdinand of Rumania were surprised by troops and captured. One soldier and one gendarme were killed in the skirmish.



The winds and waves of centuries have so weakened the legs of Table Rock on Lake Erie that it is expected to topple at any moment. It was here that the "Walk in the Water," the first steamboat on the lake, refueled.



ARCHBISHOP CIEPLAK

Archbishop John Cieplak, of the Roman Catholic Church, was once sentenced to be hanged by Soviet officials.



August Sarantino, a painter, spends most of his lunch hour learning to play the saxophone high in the strands of Brooklyn Bridge. And his intrepid teacher risks his life climbing high to hear Sarantino hit off a note or two.



PRINCE REPRECHT

Prince Reprecht, 101 of the masses in Bavaria, is reported as ready to see himself up as monarch of the country if he can do so without bloodshed.



PRESIDENT CALLES



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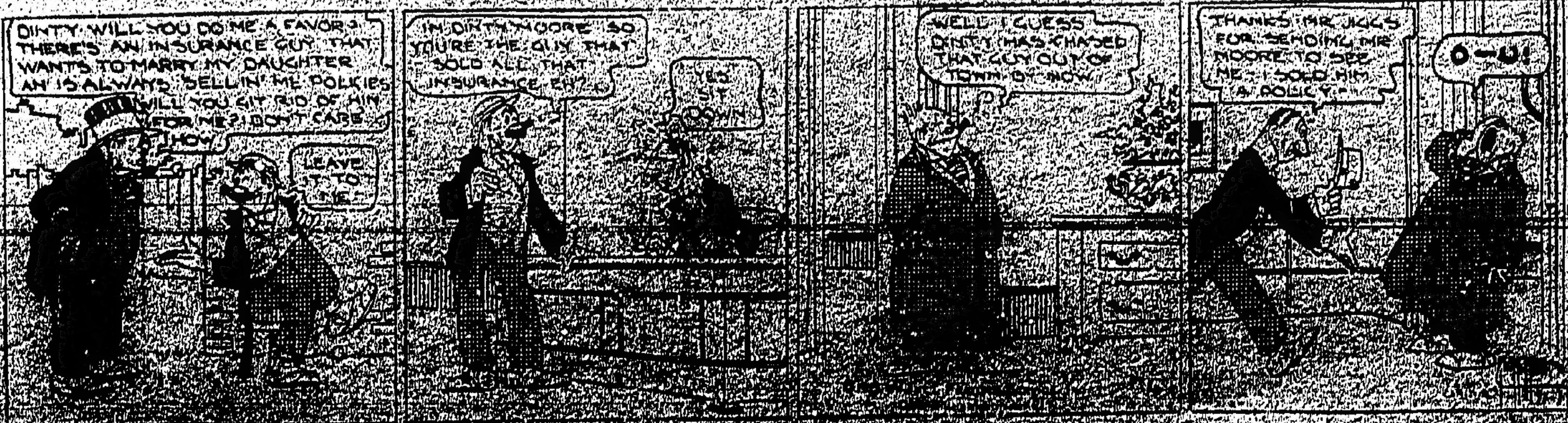
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Through the efforts of President Calles of Mexico, the eight-hour day for labour has been adopted by vote of the Assembly. It now goes to the Senate. The Earl of Darnley is a visitor in New York. Dr. H. A. Millikan reports the discovery of strange new rays, ten miles above the earth, coming from the void. Final tax reductions for America have been placed at \$500,000,000 by Mr. Green, of the Ways and Means Committee.

BRINGING UP FATHER

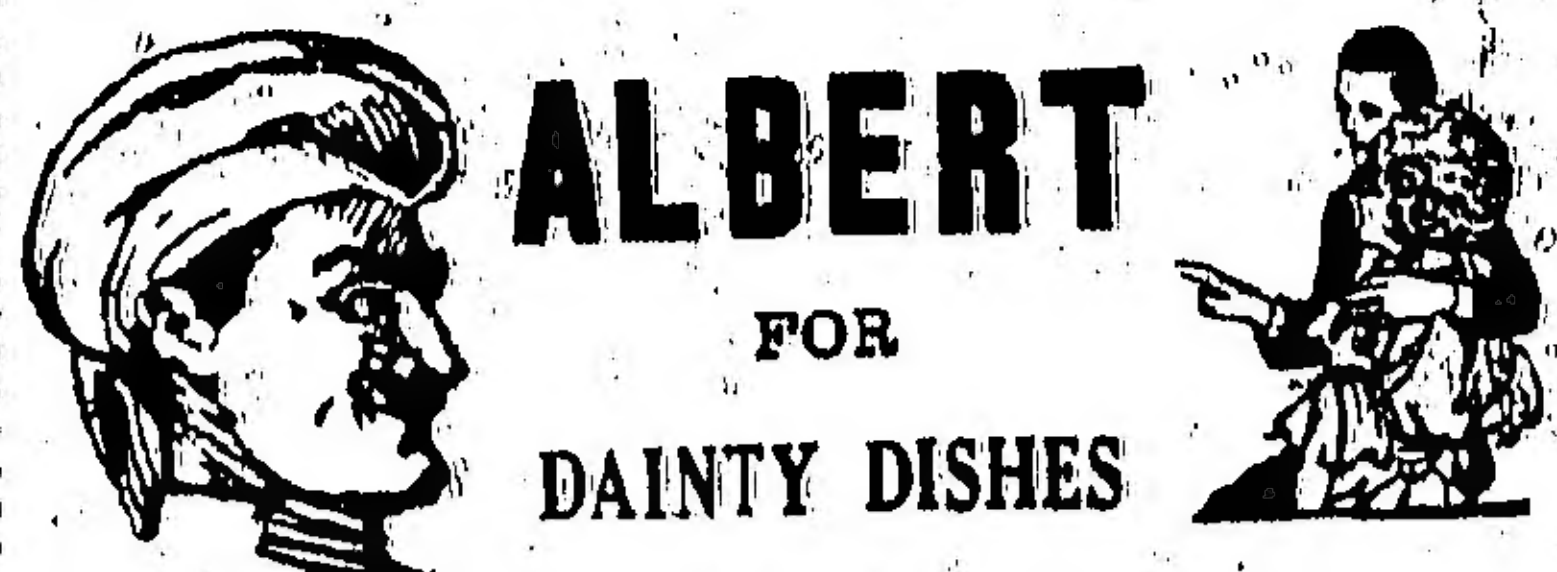


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Island.	Feet.
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Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1090
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

500 YEARS AGO.

THE BIRTHDAY OF A CURZON CASTLE.

[The life in England over 500 years ago is glimpsed in these notes, in the "Westminster Gazette," by Bishop Forrest Brown, on how Bodiam Castle, the noble remains of which were left to the nation by the late Lord Curzon, came to be built.]
The licence to build Bodiam Castle in Sussex was granted by Richard II. on October 21, 1385, to a warrior, Edward Dalyngridge. Edward had married the heiress of the manor, and set to work to develop it. He got licence for a market and for an annual fair. In 1383, he got, for 6 and 8 pence, leave to divert a stream of water to work his own mill. His manor house stood on an area of one-third of an acre, protected by a narrowish moat, which still exists. This house he got licence to fortify, and afterwards to build a castle for the defence of the adjacent country and for resistance against the king's enemies.

The manor house stood at the foot of the north side of a spur of rock projecting eastward from the high ground about Battle.

BODIAM POND.

Out of sight half a mile off, near the top of the south slope of the rock, was Bodiam Pond. This, we suppose, he excavated, and on the site thus obtained he planted the walls of the castle. When they were built the strong springs of water were allowed to collect again, and thus formed the lake in which the castle stands.

The idea of a great castle with huge round corner towers, standing in a great lake of water and approached by a narrow causeway of masonry strictly guarded by barbicans, was no new idea of Dalyngridge. In his piratical harryings of the French coast, to which we must turn later, he must often have seen and studied the castle of Crotoy, on the estuary of the Somme. We have a 13th-century drawing of that castle rising sheer out of a great sheet of water, which might be a first sketch of what was built at Bodiam.

Dalyngridge fortified his manor house and began to build his Castle under grave fears of reprisals. As lately as 1377 the French had taken and burned the castle and town of Rye, at the mouth of the Rother, and their next visit might well take them up the Rother to Bodiam.

FRENCH RAIDS.

Our Edward had been a companion of Robert Knolys, Calverley, and Hawkhead, three variant English knights who for considerable periods lived in the north of France as a band of

plunderers, seizing castles and lordships, exacting enormous ransoms, especially from ladies whom they captured on surrenders. They amassed large sums of money which they carried home to England. The Dalyngridge share was sufficient to enable him to undertake the building of a great castle to bar the inroads of Frenchmen bent on retaliation. So far as history goes, it served its purpose adequately.

Dalyngridge was Custos of the City of London. We find him in 1391 reporting to the King on an appeal of the King's brother against the Mayor and Sheriffs; and again, in the Church of St. Martin-le-Grand, revising a sentence of the Mayor and Aldermen touching the Lud Gate Prison.

The minister's servant, Sandy, had been sent to clean the wing cellar. Soon afterwards the minister looked in and discovered Sandy draining the bottles of their dregs.

"I am afraid it's no use, Sandy," said the minister, "they're all dead men." "Ye're right, sir," replied Sandy, "but it's guid to ken that the meenister was wi' them when they passed awa'."



MADGE OBERHOLZER
DAVID C. STEPHENSON

D. C. Stephenson, former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, is on trial for the murder of a woman shown above.



THE BREAKING POINT.

When Brain and Nerves Cry Out For Help.

When you begin to hesitate in speaking, cannot "collect your thoughts" when you find that your ideas become confused, your memory is no longer reliable, you are unable to concentrate on your work, when, after slight exertion you feel mentally and physically fatigued, any doctor will tell you that you are in a case bordering on neurasthenia or nervous breakdown, and that unless prompt measures are taken to set matters right, collapse may follow.

Overwork, worry, grief, excess of any nature, or climatic influences such as a long trying spell of hot, damp weather, may have helped to exhaust your physical forces, but the real cause of your enfeebled condition is weak, impoverished blood. You know your blood is pure and rich and red—are possessed of nerves capable of meeting all the stresses and strains of daily life. Therefore your duty is to order that you may quickly recover health by a course of tonic treatment for your nerves and whole system through the blood.

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A teacher had been telling her class about "Bruce and the Spider," and then she asked if any boy could tell her what lesson it taught them, but no boy seemed to find one.

"Well, I am surprised!" she said, with astonishment, "to think of your dullness. It teaches me a great lesson—especially at this time. Can you tell me what lesson it has for me?"

There was another pause and then a ruddy-faced little chap put up his hand, and exclaimed, in staccato tones—"Please, ma'am, it means for you, keep yer 'ouse clean an' yer won't have spiders crawlin' about."

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The G.P.O. FRIDAY 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and SATURDAY 8 a.m. to noon.
Kowloon Branch—FRIDAY 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and SATURDAY 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wantsai, Sheungwan, Saiyingpun and Yau-mat' Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day.
There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on SUNDAYS, and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.
The Radio Service has reverted to normal hours of working. Messages may be handed in at any hour of the day or night during General Post Office hours at Radio Cynosure, Main Hall, at all other times messages should be taken through the nearest entrance at Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building, these doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained by ringing the night-bell.
The Parcel Post Service to Canton is resumed.
Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Day	Time
Shanghai	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.	8.30 a.m.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	Day	Time
Shanghai	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.	5 p.m.
Hollow, Pakhoi and Hainan	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.	8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hollow and Hainan	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.	8.30 a.m.
Manila	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27.	8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.	8.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.	8.30 a.m.
Hollow and Hainan	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Europe	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.	8.30 a.m.
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CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Services on Christmas Day.
7 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion (choral).
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
12 noon Holy Communion.
The collections on Christmas Day are for the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' schools and orphanages.
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Peak Church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH KOWLOON.

CHRISTMAS DAY.
8.15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
SUNDAY, December 27.
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord."
12 noon Evensong.
1.30 p.m. Christmas Dinner.

St. Andrew's Church, KOWLOON.

CHRISTMAS DAY
(8.15 a.m. and 11 a.m.)

Sunday Night (6 p.m.)
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Organ Recital

NOTIFICATION.
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